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Queen of Peace Announces New President – Anne O’Malley ‘75



The Congregation of the Dominicans of Sinsinawa, on the recommendation of the Board of Directors of Queen of Peace, is pleased to announce the appointment of Anne O’Malley to the position of President of Queen of Peace High School, effective Dec. 1, 2010. The President Search Committee, as well as the Board of Directors, made a unanimous recommendation.

“With excitement, I look forward to partnering with Anne O’Malley as she takes on the position of new President of Queen of Peace,” Principal Mary Kay Nickels said. “In the tradition of the school, she will assume the leadership role and continue the mission of Queen of Peace and the Dominicans of Sinsinawa. We are blessed.”

O’Malley, a 1975 graduate of Queen of Peace, worked for “USA Today” in a number of positions - most recently as Director of Advertising Sales - for the past 20 years.

“At this stage in my life, my devotions and interests are more philanthropic,” said O’Malley, who received a B.A. in Communications from Marquette University and numerous awards and achievements from “USA Today.” “I am very anxious to get started at Peace. The process of coming on board was phenomenal - that experience alone made this opportunity a must-have.”

O’Malley points to a number of reasons why she wanted to become President of Queen of Peace - the first being the opportunity to make a difference in the development of Peace and to become involved with an institution to which she is committed, and secondly, to get the word out

about the inspiration of a Catholic and Dominican education for young women through recruitment and raising funds.

“Queen of Peace was the right place for me to be at 13-years-old. A lot of things have changed since I was 13, but young ladies do not change,” O’Malley said. “Queen of Peace is a great environment to feel a sense of confidence, inclusion and involvement - opportunities girls may not get in other environments.”

She believes her strengths in the corporate world - new business development, recruiting, integrated marketing, creative branding and leadership development - will translate well to the school setting.

“There is a lot of change everywhere, and we are all getting used to that,” O’Malley said. “At “USA Today,” my skill set in that organization was making the transition from print to digital. I like the challenge of learning something new.”

As a graduate of St. Bede the Venerable Grammar School, O’Malley has a strong familiarity with the South Side of Chicago and credits Queen of Peace for her “external, outgoing personality.”

“I like the collaborative influence of an organization, school and family,” she said. “Nobody does anything on their own; you need a team, so I am looking forward to that part.”

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